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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Soviet Troops at Fuerstenberg and Droege

EVALUATION see below [redacted] 25X1

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DATE PREPARED 15 April 1952

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REMARKS

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1. On 15 March, the SS Kaserne in Droege, 4 km south of Fuerstenberg (R 54/U 62), was occupied to capacity by troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Groups of soldiers were engaged in combat practice firing with small arms in the adjoining training area. [redacted]
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2. On 14 March, about 16 model ZIS-3 76.2-mm guns were emplaced in firing position in the training area near the SS Kaserne, Droege. The guns were placed about 50 meters apart. Several groups of about 12 men each drilled with small arms in the same area. *
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3. On 13 March, a unit of about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets marched out of the SS Kaserne in Droege toward Fuerstenberg. The unit marched in the following formation: a 12-piece band; 1 lieutenant colonel and 3 other officers; 40 platoons of 25 men each, with each platoon being led by an officer. They had the following armament: 6 to 9 platoons each with 3 model MG-39 heavy machine guns, each carried by one soldier; 3 platoons with carbines; 3 platoons with submachine guns; 3 platoons with entrenching tools; 9 platoons with 3 x 82-mm mortars each; 1 platoon with 2 x 160-mm heavy mortars towed by soldiers; and the rest of the platoons carried furled flags and practice targets and about 10 range finders. The barracks installation was almost vacant after the departure of the troops. Trucks [redacted] were cleaned in the yard. *
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4. Numerous officers and EN wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets and sedans [redacted] were seen entering and leaving the restricted area on the southern shore of Roeblin Lake on 7 March.
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5. On 14 March, soldiers in coveralls and some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen in the yard of the restricted area west of the Fuerstenberg railroad station. Troops did

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maintenance work on trucks [REDACTED]

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6. On 12 March 1952, the outer section of the concentration camp at Ravensbrueck quartered 300 to 400 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Two radio trucks were parked in the yard. [REDACTED]

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7. On 12 March, the interior section of the concentration camp at Ravensbrueck quartered about 400 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered red epaulets. [REDACTED]

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8. On 10 March, the tank repair shop on the road to Predereiche was occupied by about 150 soldiers. Troops did maintenance work on five trucks. [REDACTED]

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9. On 11 March, the restricted area in the town center of Fuerstenberg quartered about 20 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets. Four antenna masts were noticed there. There was no vehicular traffic. **

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10. In the morning of 13 March, the SS Kaserne in Droege was almost vacant. Only some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen. About 20 trucks were on blocks in the barracks yard. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. The observations furnish definite evidence that the SS Kaserne in Droege quarters elements of the 34th SS Htz Rifle Regt of the 12th SS Tank Div and, thus, eliminate previous assumptions of early January 1952 that the regiment was absent and that some of its elements were possibly stationed in Neuruppin. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. It is believed that the regiment may have been absent from the installation for training on 13 March 1952. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. The report confirms previous information on the occupation of the military installations in Fuerstenberg. [REDACTED]

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